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In the Specification:

Please amend Paragraph 18 as follows:

Paragraph 18 with markings to show changes made:

Still referring to Figs. 3 and 4, the operation of the combination tool 10 of the present invention is illustrated. It can be seen in these two figures that two distinct features cooperate to receive and retain the pocket knife 12 within the channel 20. First, a groove 24 is provided in the sidewalls 25 of the channel 20. These grooves 24 are an important feature of the present invention 10. As previously discussed and as can be seen in Fig. 4, the retractable blades 26 on the pocketknife 12 protrude slightly from the peripheral edges of the pocketknife 12 in their retracted position. The grooves 24 are located in such a manner that they receive these retracted blades 26 as the knife 12 is pushed into the channel 20 and engage the blades 26 to retain the knife 12 within the channel 20. The cooperative engagement of the grooves 24 and the blades 26 prevent the knife 12 from movement out of the open top of the channel 20. The relationship between the pocket knife 12, the housing 15, channel 20 and the grooves 24 is best illustrated in Fig. 5. The retracted blades 26 are shown engaged in the grooves 24 in the side wall 25 of the channel 20 and the side casing 22 of the knife 12 can be seen to be received flush with the surface 18 of the housing 14. Accordingly, the channel 20 can be seen to have a bottom wall 28 and a side wall 25 extending upwardly between said bottom wall 28 and said top surface 18 with an opening 23 in said side wall 25 at said back end 27 of said housing 14, said channel 20 having mating formations 24 adapted to slideably receive a secondary tool (pocket knife) 12 through said opening 23 in said side wall 25.

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Clean version of amended Paragraph 18:

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